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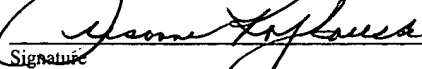
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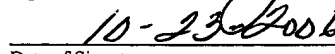
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**RESPONSE**

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This communication is in response to the Office action dated May 23, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider the following Amendments and Remarks. A request for an extension of the time for response is enclosed.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.